

Application No.: 10/802,539
Amendment Dated: August 27, 2004
Preliminary Amendment

Remarks

Claims 8-21 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 8-13 are being incorporated into U. S. Patent Application No. 10/801,937 which has pending claims reciting several elements in common with claims 8-13. Claims 14-21 are being incorporated into U. S. Patent Application No. 10/786,984 which has pending claims reciting several elements in common with claims 14-21.

With the present Amendment and remarks, applicants hope to remove possible grounds for obviousness-type double patenting rejections.

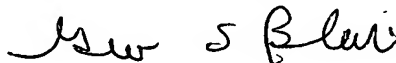
Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and passage to allowance of the application.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call applicants' representative at the phone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0289.

Respectfully submitted,

WALL MARJAMA & BILINSKI LLP



George S. Blasiak
Registration No. 37,283
WALL MARJAMA & BILINSKI LLP
101 South Salina Street
Suite 400
Syracuse, NY 13202
315-425-9000
315-425-9114 (FAX)

Date: August 27, 2004

Customer No. 20874
GSB/bs